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UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 14
Shanna Hayley
City of Plano Marketing

July 21
David McWhorter
Club Assembly 2016-17
Club Vision

July 28
Dr. Mukesh Saraiya
Stem Cell Research



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joe Camarena	Jul 01
Phil Dyer	Jul 06
Sara Akers	Jul 10
Howard Shapiro	Jul 12
Earnest Burke	Jul 14
Dave Bowman	Jul 15
Larry Bisno	Jul 16
Matt Jackson	Jul 22
Jim Monroe	Jul 22
Maria Mott	Jul 23



Broken Arms

ADG Luke Anderson accompanied ADG Ken "Too Tall" Roberts to Club Assembly. John Caldwell broke the ice by asking Luke what movie line he most admired. ADG Anderson told



him he knew what line he LEAST admired; it was "Luke, I am you father" from **STAR WARS**. On reflection, he said that was a tie with "Hel-lo, Mr. An-der-son," Neo from **The Matrix**. He mused that he had Sci-Fi covered (or it him).

Ken was attending as our assigned ADG, and he had brought along fellow North TX Pioneer Luke to attend Club Assembly presumably because we'd all be on good behavior. But he hadn't counted on the **high esteem** in which Club Assembly is held, e.g.,



President Paperweight, presiding over his last half meeting, called us to a semblance of order at 12:23, summoning **Blair Ritchey** for the Invocation and **Roy Reeves** for the Pledge. **Tamara Dreger** and **Maria Mott**

(today's photographer) were cited for Greeting. Then **SERGEANT BARBERA** (whom ~~Sainted~~ Editor had dismissed last week) performed his actual ultimate SAA duties (last week was apparently penultimate).

He finished off his year with several Visiting Rotarians: the aforementioned Ken and Luke, **Shaheen Salam** (Metro) and **David Goodson** (Park Cities).

Ken had a witticism to inflict upon us, noting that incoming President **David McWhorter** had allegedly asked Ken how to keep from "screwing up" the Club. PP Ken told him not to worry; "*Presidents have been trying to screw it up*" but have been unable.



An easy act to follow, **Sam Greif** introduced his wife, **Rosemary**. **Mark Johnson** fed son,

Kyle. **Jamee Jolly** welcomed back **Paul Hernandez**, and **Chris Henry** introduced a former Oklahoma Rotarian, **Joe Geis**.

For his (really) last **INSIDE THE ROTARIAN STUDIO**, Nathan chose to interview outgoing (in fact, normally effusive) **President Palmer** about how he felt on retirement. "Yes." And did Kelly get a Lethal Perpetual Paperweight? "*I hope not!*"



Hoping for a more effusive response, Nathan turned to incoming President **Mc-**

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Whorter, asking, "Are you nervous?" "Noooooo." When asked how he was prepping for his turn at the gavel, he said, "The one thing I hope is that I don't run this thing off the road."

Kelly noted to incoming **SERGEANT KRAMER** that Nathan would be a hard act to follow. (No pressure.) Then he recapped his year with Rep. **Sam Johnson's** address to a joint meeting of Plano Rotaries. He mentioned Southfork being sold out from under us and Nathan's search for our new home. He said we'd contributed ~\$60K to the community including **PISD**, **Collin College**, **Hendrick Scholarship**, and **Jack Carter** special needs park. He thanked **Mary Jo Dean**, **Rick Horne**, **Kirk Bell**,



Lynette Pieper and others for their leadership this past year. He thanked **Bruce Glasscock** for making our \$25K City check look like the \$1.5M **Jack Carter** expense.

Then Kelly noted the Board approval of the new dues structure for the Club at its last meeting. The Club will vote on it at a later date. Then he continued the orgy of self-congratulation by calling his Board to come to the front and be thanked collectively, individually, categorically, and in every other manner. We broke our arms patting ourselves on the back. Kelly thanked the "tough, resilient Board." He thanked Rick Horne for having put our finances in the best order they've been in, "especially in the administration of Ken Roberts." And he promised not to hand out plaques, which, he said, "make excellent fire starters."

Instead, he gave everyone colored envelopes. Nathan opened his and remarked, "Oh! A free night's stay at the (extinct) Southfork Hotel!" **Alex Johnson** looked at his and asked, "Orange?" Kelly admitted that "I ran out of blue." Although they were not Board members, he called up Chris Parr and **Howard Matson** to receive envelopes

for their service. They turned out to contain gift cards to **Total Wine**, presumably to take our minds off our broken



arms. Those were followed by cigars, handed out without regard to gender. (Sainted Editor, who had once taught himself to blow smoke rings within 1/4 of a stogie then given up the habit, gave his to veteran puffer, "Too Tall" Roberts.)

Then Kelly handed off the microphone (not the gavel) to "Brother Dave" to continue the meeting, adding, "Thanks, Dave, for being a very good man!" He wanted to use the Navy tradition of ringing in the new watch by ringing "eight bells," but after only two, he announced, "I'm tired," and left the stage.



King David took the mic and said, "It's been a pleasure working with you. You've taught me what it means to be a dedicated Rotarian." Then, musing on how much time Kelly had spent "behind the scenes," *David* hauled up a box that Kelly surmised to be a **Goliath** magnet. *David* warned that it was too fragile for that.

David pulls out a crystal shield etched with thanks to Kelly "in recognition and appreciation of your outstanding service" to the **Plano Rotary Club**. Well, it wasn't a plaque, and, better yet, it was accompanied by a bottle of **GLENLIVET** scotch "to go with your cigar."

King David asked us to "give it up for **Mr. Wonderful**," introducing **Earnest Burke** who announced the resumption of the Birthday Challenge, wherein months compete for a prize. **Sainted Editor** moved that donations be calculated "per capita," but that motion was quashed.



David promised “a spectacular prize” that “all would agree is exceptional,” and it wouldn’t involve paperweights! But we won’t find out exactly what for “a couple of weeks.”

Jamie Schell resurrected his **Foundation Minute** to turn the podium over to Blair Ritchey and **Clay Curtiss** for 30 seconds each. Blair chronicled the distinction between RI’s Annual Fund and its Endowment Fund, noting \$115M (the highest yet) donations to the former for water and education projects worldwide. Clay confessed that he’s “checking off a **Red Badge** box,” but insisted that he’s enthusiastic about returning the Club to 100% Paul Harris and putting his money where his mouth is. He said the Club matches \$250, and **Ean SECRET SANTA Sullivan** said the he’ll match an additional \$250, so the \$1K donation to join will cost you only \$500! Deal?

David announced that *Sunrise* was pushing to put **Greg Rushin** “over the top” in the **Battle of the Badges**, and we were duty-bound to do the same for Sam Greif.

John Caldwell and Howard Matson demonstrated the **SPiRiTWARE** raffle prizes for those who bring guests to the Club. They tried to push a Perpetual Paperweight off on this month’s winners, Roy Reeves and **Lenny Schwartz**, but they would have none of it.

With that, *David* called as many of his administration were present to stand, led us in the Four-Way Test and belled us out at 12:58.



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